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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 15-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 15-18 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 10 of the claim misspells “for” as “foe.” Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsumagari et al (US PgPub 2003/0161615), hereinafter referred to as Tsumagari.

Regarding **claim 15**, Tsumagari discloses enhanced navigation system using digital information medium. Further, Tsumagari discloses a DVD video disc (1) comprising DVD-Video contents (10) as well as ENAV contents (30), the contents (10) comprising VMG/VTSI which is control data for one or more video contents VTS#1-VTS#n as well as the contents (30) allowing a user to play back the contents of each VTS by a method different from VMG/VTSI prepared by the provider and to play back while adding contents different from VMG/VTSI prepared by the provider, which reads

on the claimed, "a recording medium storing thereon an index table and a plurality of operation mode objects," as disclosed at paragraphs [0058], [0062], and [0064]-[0065]; wherein:

ENAV contents (30) comprise playback information which contains a markup language, script language or the like, which describes playback methods of the ENAV contents data body and/or DVD-Video contents (10), the language used as the playback control information may be JavaScript, which reads on the claimed, "the index table shows a plurality of titles in correspondence with the plurality of operation mode objects, at least one of the operation mode objects being a first operation mode object that is for use in a movie mode, and at least another one of the operation mode objects being a second operation mode object that is for use in a virtual machine," as disclosed at paragraphs [0064]-[0066];

each title in DVD-Video disc (1) comprising playback control information PGCI in VTSI, which reads on the claimed, "the first operation mode object includes a navigation command that shows a control procedure," as disclosed at paragraph [0063]; and,

the ENAV playback information can contain file information of the ENAV contents (information of a file to be referred to, and information of a file to be referred to instead if the file to be referred to is not present or if a player does not have a function of decoding the file if that file is present), synchronization information (information used to control to play back the DVD-Video contents in connection or combination with that of the ENAV contents at a predetermined timing), and duration information (information indicating the display time range or timing range of the ENAV contents), which reads on

the claimed, "the second operation mode object includes cache management information, and the cache management information shows, of files that compose applications, which file is to be read to a cache before audio-visual playback of the title corresponding to the second operation mode object when said title becomes a current title," as disclosed at paragraph [0067].

Regarding **claim 16**, Tsumagari discloses enhanced navigation system using digital information medium. Further, Tsumagari discloses DVD-Video player (100) which plays back the contents of DVD-Video disc (1) comprising DVD-Video contents (10) and ENAV contents (30), which reads on the claimed, "a playback apparatus that performs playback of a title recorded on a recording medium, and execution of an application," as disclosed at paragraph [0058] and exhibited in figure 1; the apparatus comprising:

video playback engine (200) for playing back and processing the DVD-Video contents (10), which reads on the claimed, "a module manager operable to select, based on an index table, a title to become a current title from among a plurality of titles," as disclosed at paragraph [0088];

ENAV engine (300) for playing back and processing ENAV contents (30) and/or (30W), which reads on the claimed, "a module operable to execute the application," as disclosed at paragraph [0088]; and,

the DVD-Video player reads the ENAV playback information prior to the ENAV contents data body (if an ENAV playback control method is read and stored in a memory in advance, a process of the ENAV contents data body can be started without

any delay when the ENAV contents data body is read), which reads on the claimed, “the module, when a selection of the current title is made, reads to the cache the file shown in the cache management information in the operation mode object corresponding to the current title, before audio-visual playback of said title commences,” as disclosed at paragraph [0073].

Further, the remaining limitations of the claim (lines 6 through 17) are rejected in view of the explanation set forth in claim 15 above.

Regarding **claim 17**, the examiner maintains that the claim is merely the corresponding recording method to the recording medium of claim 15, and therefore the limitations of the claim are rejected in view of the explanation set forth in claim 15 above.

Regarding **claim 18**, the examiner maintains that the claim is merely the corresponding method to the apparatus of claim 16, and therefore the limitations of the claim are rejected in view of the explanation set forth in claim 16 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARC DAZENSKI whose telephone number is (571)270-5577. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (571)272-7905. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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